Nixon apparently believed that all of history would hang on his thoughts - or that he could sell his records for fantastic prices. So he used a tape recorder and a regular dictating machine to record notes about his day's activities.

In his transcripts he did not include that of his disctbelt notes of his March 21,1973 meeting with John Dean, that one of the "cancer on the presidency" from The Watergate, of Dean's personal confession that he might go to jail for his obstriction of justice services to Nixon, personally, and of the also-famous hunt blackmail.

The House Judiciary Committee listened to this dictabelt Wednesday, May 22, 1974. One of the members, who made notes, let a line be known to the press. Nixon began his personal account of that day of days "It was not a relatively uneventful day."

The provokes wonder. What could be eventful to Nixon if blackmail, personal blackmail, the possibility of his counsel being jailed as a felon and the "cancer on the presidency was not."

Aside from irrationality and dishonesty, an obvious explanation is that it was "uneventful" to him because it held no surprises.